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Cover Photo

"Youth can do it"— a good slogan, but very few people really believed it. Here and there somebody got an idea that youth *could* do it and gave them an opportunity through workcamps of evangelism, Christian witness missions, local church visitation evangelism. Slowly the entire church began to realize that young people are marked with an enthusiasm that makes some of them almost our best evangelists.

This issue of CONCERN reports to the church: Youth have done it! Youth have witnessed and will continue to witness for their Christ. CONCERN has too few pages to tell the whole story of progress in youth evangelism, but this CONCERN hits the high points of a summer in which young people were channels through which the Holy Spirit worked miracles.

"Miracles" began simply as youth went calling two-by-two and talked about their faith. CONCERN'S cover shows two Methodist youth being received into the home of a family who decided that night to join the church.

Forum

—METHODISTS TELL WHAT CHRISTIAN WITNESS MISSIONS HAVE MEANT. CONCERN PRINTS A FEW STATEMENTS THAT HAVE COME IN DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

When we visited families, it was our job as representatives of the church to invite these people to "come with us to Christ." We tried to reach out to them, to show them what we stood for and why. Our purpose was to make Jesus Christ known, trusted, loved and obeyed in all human relationships. Most of the people we contacted were eager to know more about the church and its activities. Most of them had never been invited to join the church or to learn about Christ.

David Eberle, Springfield, Ill.

All the experiences I had in visiting and witnessing for Christ gave me so much courage and desire to go on doing his will, more than I have ever felt before. In visiting I learned how to pray—really pray, and put my all in the hands of God.

Delores Bishop, Radford, Va.

"A couple that would not give me any sort of satisfaction as pastor came to church and were converted under the influence of the youth who visited them."

"A family that I have been unable to get gave their hearts to Christ within fifteen minutes after the young people talked with them."

Pastors, in evaluation session of Louisville Conference youth mission

We have felt that this week of the Christian witness mission has been a particularly meaningful one to youth and its effect will be felt in our conference. All of us in the mission have had the feeling that it is very worthwhile.

Betty Watts, director of youth work Virginia Conference

The one event which stands out in my mind as I recall the week of youthful evangelism, is the street meeting. They sang, and they made their statements as to what it meant to them to walk with Christ day by day, and just why they felt he has the answer to the world's greatest needs. There was nothing superficial or demonstrative about it. Their presentation was intelligent, and they took the gospel where the people were!

D. Coyd Taggart, pastor First Methodist Church, Wichita, Kans.

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Kansas City two youth went call- one Saturday afternoon, discover- that their prospect worked at a e-in ice cream stand. They drove o the stand and parked. The pros- came and asked, "What'll you ?" Two milk shakes and one com- nent, please, they said. And they her commitment.

ast year a group of youth surveyed Delrose community, a new part of nita, Kans., and a church was built he community as a result of the ey. This year the same youth went to see the church and to call on e prospective members.

prairie boy stood in a pulpit last th and told a congregation that he come to the Christian witness mis- because he had been elected chair- of Christian witness in his MYF. is morning," he said, "I have just un to receive my call for the minis- I am sure that I have never known s Christ before this week. I think as the direct will of God that I e here. I got elected to this job they told me that I had to come to Christian witness mission, but I not want to. But this has happened e and I think God must have wish- t for me."

n Wilmington, Delaware, young ple climbed into the Wilmington nor church bus for a trip to Bet- y Beach and Rehobeth Beach. It Labor Day week-end, but the youth e not vacationing. They went where people were, to hold out-of-door vices and to publicize evening ser- s in nearby churches.

The church was very surprised at at was accomplished," said a pastor he Louisville Conference Christian ness mission. "I hope they do not the sense of shock too soon."

rom Clarence Richardson, director he mission held at the Fergus Falls rict senior institute in Minnesota, e this summary: "unanimous re- nse of the group was 'we wish we ld do it again, and we are going ry to do it at home.' "

key mission among rural churches tered in Dade county, Georgia, in the Holston Conference. Director was Joe Baker, Jr., of Rising Fawn, Ga. The mission centered in the Trenton church, with the work done there, in Wildwood, Lookout Mountain and Rising Fawn circuits, and in Lookout Mountain church. The 53 participants made 1126 calls, found 167 prospects, won 17 first commitments. District Superintendent E. D. Worley called the mission "the greatest thing that has happened in Dade county under the auspices of the Methodist Church."

And in Norfolk, Va., 22 delegates held 396 interviews in the name of four churches. Main impression, reported adults, was the sincerity and genuine Christian character of the youth who participated.

Nationwide reports show that in 1953 a record number of youth worked in Christian witness missions. Some 875 young people held 3909 interviews. They really witnessed. By a ratio of four to three, they won more persons on profession of faith than on transfer of church membership.

YOUTH CAN DO IT!

NEWS

In the spirit of Christ whose call for disciples was expressed in many different ways—in sermons, in demonstrative acts, in authorized campaigns, in sharp disputes, in friendly fellowship and quiet conversation—The Methodist Church continues to utilize different methods in evangelism.

Again, this is a new day with new problems, new vocabularies, and new knowledge. Hence, we must use new methods to attract attention, to communicate, to teach, and to arouse appreciation and response. In brief, we seek new methods of leading people into a meaningful Christian commitment.

—Virgil A. Kraft, director
Chicago Workcamp in Evangelism

National mission to train '54 leaders

Leadership for 1954 Christian witness missions will be trained in a national mission just set for January 28-February 1 in Memphis. Wayne A. Lamb, conference secretary of evangelism, has announced that Memphis Conference churches and leaders will cooperate in the project.

Persons who are planning missions for 1954, especially those selected as directors, are urged to take part in the Memphis national mission.

Information about registration and program will be available soon from the Department of Cooperative Youth Evangelism, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5.

Evangelism set for fall emphasis

This month and next, local churches across Methodism are holding Christian witness missions in their communities. Special goal of the Youth Emphasis: a youth evangelism project in each church during October and November.

Best tool for planning is the workbook for youth evangelism in the MYF, which gives detailed ideas for planning a local church Christian witness mission for youth. The workbook is no. 2390-B, free from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2. No. 2365-B, also free, describes week-end Christian witness projects.

Commitment cards and folders for personal use, evangelistic score cards for group use, and other helpful materials on evangelism are available from Tidings, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5.

Kansas City reports continue to come

At the final report session of the national Christian witness mission in Kansas City (18 September CONCERN) two youth reported:

"When we left together Friday afternoon we didn't want to go to St. Jo. We didn't think we would get anything out of it. When we came back there was an entirely different attitude. It gave us an idea as to how to make our own fellowship better back home. When we went out, we went out uninspired. We didn't have much confidence. At one house, we rang and waited and rang. Nobody came. But tonight the girl on whom we called was at the MYF meeting, although we did not even get to talk to her."

In Topeka, two young people called on a fellow who had just graduated from high school. He asked the callers to wait while he telephoned a friend to invite him over. Both young men signed commitment cards that night.

A new survey was made in an old established section of a city where youth found 1800 Methodist preference people, and there is no church nearby.

At the close of the Kansas City mission, the 200 participants knelt in prayer as George Harper, NCMY projects secretary, guided their meditation. "Ask God to figure us if we have too much pride in what we have done. We would ask him to forgive us if we have

Clifford Knight, director of youth work in the Pacific North West Conference, instructs a team preparing to visit in the Kansas City mission. All set to start are Pat Ward of Lee Summit, Mo., and Dick Thompson, new president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

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much joy in our own witness and enough concern for the persons need Christ. Ask him to help us in the good feeling is worn off that may stand in our places and witness Christ again and again."

ey person in the Kansas City mis- was Dr. Lewis Carpenter, presi- of the National College for Chris- Workers. Dr. Carpenter was di- or of the mission, and in addition illed local arrangements. Howard s, director of the department of perative youth evangelism of the eral Board of Evangelism, spear- ded national promotion and advance nning.

icago pioneers in ner city' evangelism

light theological students and en co-eds hit Chicago June 29 and an an experimental workcamp in ngelism sponsored for the Method- Student Movement by 17 church ncies who contributed to its budget. fler the direction of Virgil A. Kraft, hodist chaplain at the University of Chicago, workcampers lived in the house of a medical fraternity in Chicago's inner city, spent their days and nights working in the neighborhoods around them. They conducted religious surveys and invited people to attend Christian inquiry classes.

So many people expresed an interest in attending church that workcampers accumulated a huge stack of cards to give to ministers for follow-up calls.

"Most of the people I've met were dissatisfied with farm jobs in the south and came to Chicago for better jobs," said Martha Ellen Stott of Greenville, N. C. "Now they're sick of the city and want to go home but can't afford to. They say they don't go to church here because city churches aren't friendly like the ones back home. No one has invited them to church."

People Cooperate

Students reported that 99 per cent of the people invited them into their homes, willingly told if they already are churchgoers or they gave their reasons for not attending.

They worked for at least four kinds of commitment: commitment to Christ —if the person is really ready; commitment to join the church, either on affirmation of faith or by transfer; commitment to attend an inquiry class; commitment to a reaffirmation of church membership vows.

Besides clinical work in churches, students attended classes at Garrett Biblical Institute, receiving college or seminary credit for their work. Special classes were aimed to assist in the total project, helping students learn about evangelism, the program of the church, and the sociology of the inner city.

Workers in the Centennial church in Kansas City lay plans for their mission. Director Dwight is Mrs. Mildred Jones Wilkinson, talking with Centennial youth and visitors. Marshall Hodge, Bonne Fisher, Jerry Wilson and Barbara Hicks (at left) and Shirley Rogers and Graham Davis (at right) were from the national mission.

Three students start new S.O.S program

There is something new in the field of evangelism.

A new program known as the Summer Service, or S.O.S., is putting students in key communities to help local churches and their pastors reach families outside the church who should be brought into its fellowship.

Following a special training session this summer in Chicago, three students went to a new community in Delaware to give S.O.S. a trial. They were Tom Richardson, recent graduate of the University of Arkansas, Dorothy Delaplain, recent graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and Bob Trost, student at U.C.L.A. and new chairman of the national MYF commission. While in Delaware, the three worked under the direction of Rev. Brooks Reynolds, pastor of Wilmington Manor Methodist Church.

The students helped in two Christian witness missions. One was an interracial mission in Wilmington sponsored by the Delaware and Washington conferences. The other mission was sponsored by the Peninsula Conference.

While working in the local church, the S.O.S. workers spent evenings making visitation evangelism calls on families in the community. Daylight hours were used for survey work, which was very important since this area of the city is still being developed. The S.O.S. students assisted in and conducted Sunday services in the local church, spoke in other churches and helped the MYF plan an evangelis campaign of its own.

While living in homes of membe of the church and eating their mea in homes of other members, the strengthened the bond between th church and its members much as pastoral call does.

The students worked without pa What they did, they reported, did n depend so much on their being youn but rather that they were the ones the church who had a summer the could give.

Two more students on the loose

This summer the General Board Evangelism turned two students loo for special work in evangelism pr ects. Malloy Owen, III, of Fayettevill N. C., and Edwin Hackney of Cha lotte, N. C., both students in the Du University divinity school, spent the summers in service.

Their first five weeks they work in Augusta, Ga., then hit out for Ka sas City, Baltimore and Wilmingto Del. They assisted in Christian witne missions, preached in churches, he outdoor meetings, instructed groups evangelism methods, did religious ce sus work and visitation evangelis Malloy even preached in a skating ri to a very new church congregation.

Edwin and Malloy reported last wee "It was the finest summer of o lives so far!"

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN *S.O.S.* OR SPECIAL EVA GELISM WORK FOR NEXT SUMMER, WRI CONCERN NOW.

Some of the teams in the Delaware Conference mission meet to compare reports and tell their experiences. Bob Trost, S.O.S. volunteer, is the fellow at the center.

wenty Questions

n the district or subdistrict weekend witness mission

Where should the district or sub-ct Christian witness mission be

elect a central church that can tain at least 30 delegates and is within easy driving distance l the churches.

What schedule should be fol-?

ee the suggested schedule in the hlet "Weekend Witness Projects."

Who should come to the mission?

At least two youth and an adult elor from each church. All youth ie host churches should partici-

What advance preparation is made e host churches?

Appoint committees: transporta- prospect, visitation, fellowship, tainment, housing and publicity.
Secure prospects.
Order materials.
Recruit visitors.
Prepare for training sessions, sary meals and refreshments.

How do you find prospects for tion?

Make a survey.
List families with youth prospects.
Check church, church school, scout MYF rolls.
Take a religious preference survey hools wherever possible.

When do you call?

Four visitation periods are sug-d: Friday evening, Saturday ing and afternoon, Sunday after-

What are the objectives of the tion?

The prospect cards will indicate need and give hints on what to

MYF members who are not already nitted to attend or participate.
Youth who should commit their to Christ.
Youth who should join the MYF.

How are these teams trained?

Use chart "They Went Forth— by Two."
Review pieces (Tidings, 4 pieces set, 10¢).
Role-playing, demonstrations.

9. How are the teams made up?

—Pair local youth with guest workers. It is possible to work in teams of threes, but twos work best together.

10. What information is on the prospect and assignment card?

—Name, address, age and reason for call.

—If call is on a person who is already an MYF member, card should so indicate.

11. Do youth call on adults, or is this a youth to youth approach?

—The first approach is to the youth in the home, but not exclusively so.

—Try to win the entire family. We are not after youth more than adults, but young persons can introduce other youth to their part of the Christian life and work—the Youth Fellowship.

12. What kind of commitment card is used?

—You are after a two-fold commitment—to Christ and the church. "My Dedication to the Christian Life" (50¢ per hundred from the Service Department) and "The Commitment Folder" ($1 per 100 from Tidings) may be supplemented by a commitment on the reverse side to attend church school beginning....., attend evening MYF beginning....., attend church services beginning....., attend the special fellowship meetings Saturday and Sunday evening during the Christian witness mission.

13. What kind of Saturday evening fellowship program should we have?

—Plan recreation that will introduce new-comers to the group.

—Have an orientation to the MYF program areas, led by the council.

14. What worship experiences should be planned?

—Informality is the keynote, but center the worship themes in Christian witness. "My Christian Witness" provides a guided meditation for group devotional use. (Tidings, 5¢ each, 3¢ each in quantities of ten or more.)

15. What happens in the morning MYF session?

—Let a guest leader direct the group in using the "Evangelistic potential of the Youth Fellowship score sheet" (2¢

each from Tidings).

16. What is the emphasis in morning worship?

—Youth participation in choir, as ushers, leading prayers.

—A sermon directed at the needs of youth and youth's need of Christ.

17. How should the Sunday evening MYF program be planned?

—A good service on faith.

—A reception of members and presentation of MYF membership cards.

18. What is the follow-through in the local church Christian witness mission?

—Youth teams from the churches served in subdistrict training centers send fellowship teams of guest youth to other MYF's. (See "Workbook for Youth Evangelism in the MYF."

19. Who is responsible for the leadership of the district and subdistrict missions?

—The district superintendent, the district director of evangelism.

—The MYF council and the program area chairman of Christian witness.

20. How are youth commitments followed up in each local church?

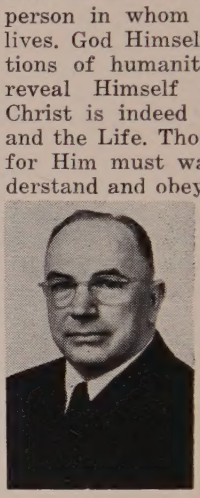
—Through pastor's spiritual guidance visit, membership classes.

—Through the "buddy system." See "How to be a Fellowship Friend" (2¢ each from Tidings).

Bishop Oxnam greets his youth who visit

—THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT BY BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM OF THE WASHINGTON AREA TO THE YOUTH OF THE PENINSULA CONFERENCE WHO PARTICIPATED IN A CHRISTIAN WITNESS MISSION AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 4.

Ideas are meaningful for most m when beheld alive in other men. T most effective Christian witness is person in whom the Christian id lives. God Himself took on the limit tions of humanity so that He mig reveal Himself in a person. Jes Christ is indeed the Way, the Tru and the Life. Those who would witn for Him must walk in that Way, derstand and obey that Truth, live t Life. The ear Christians w young men a women who carr the Gospel to rem corners of the man Empire. Th revealed it in th persons. They s something m than slaves, th saw brothers. Th endured stoning a imprisonment, a many became martyrs. They fough good fight. They kept the faith. has cost most of us nothing. It is high privilege to witness to it by c rying the message of Christ to friends and neighbors. In an hour wh the Christian faith is challenged as no time in its history, young men a women in whom the Christian fa lives become its truest witness a have the high privilege, through p sonal evangelism, to carry the faith others.



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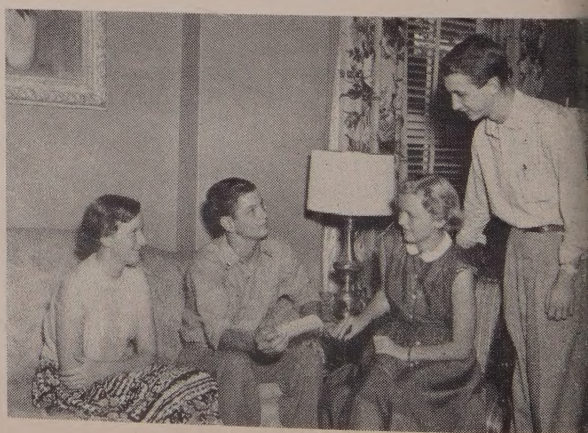

Visitors ask youth to "put it on the line" in their personal evangelistic calling. A big emphasis of the weekend witness mission in Kansas City was getting new MYF members. The visitors, Connie Garrison of Nyack, N. Y., and Edward Osteen of Rockingham, N. C., at right, talk with Quindaro church youth, Mary Etta Ackenbom and Stanley Howard.

SCHEDULE OF MISSIONS

Christian Witness Missions

Conference	Place	
St. Louis	Sikeston, Mo.	Nov. 27-29
Detroit	——	Feb.
So. Illinois	E. St. Louis	Oct. 9-11
	Olney District	Oct. 30-Nov. 1
Cent. New York	Elmira District	Oct. 16-18
	Syracuse Dist.	Oct. 30-31
	Geneva Dist.	Nov. 13-14
Genessee	——	Oct.
No. New York	——	Oct.
Memphis	Memphis	Jan. 28-Feb. 1
(National—see page 4)		
No. Dakota	——	Oct.
Indiana	Indianapolis	July
	area-wide	Oct. '54
East Oklahoma	Durante/Tulsa	Oct. 25-30
	Vinita/McAlister	Nov. 1-6
	Cusling/Muskogee	Nov. 8-13
S. W. Missouri	——	Fall
Ohio	Defiance Dist.	Oct. 24-25

The Iowa-Des Moines Area has scheduled 17 subdistrict missions for October and November. Three will be held in the Council Bluffs District, four in the Creston District, four in the Ottumwa District, five in the Sheldon District, and one in the Dubuque District. Others are yet to be scheduled. Dates and places are now available from the area office in Des Moines.

Spiritual Life Missions

Place	Time
New Orleans Baton Rouge	October 2-9, November 6-13
Boston Area	October 9-18, October 30-November 8
Holston Conference	October 4, November 29
Texas Conference	January 17-24
Des Moines Area	February, March
Staunton, Va.	April 25-May 2

United Evangelistic Missions

Place	Time
Nebraska Area	October 3-9, 17-23 October 30-November 6
So. Illinois Conference	October 9-18, October 30-November 8
New York Area	October 16-25, November 6-15
Cent. New York Conference	October 18-25, November 1-8
Genessee Conference	October, November
No. New York Conference	October, November
Kansas Area	October 23-November 1 November 6-15
Peninsula Conference	November 1-20
Indiana Area	Fall
Oklahoma	October 25-30, November 1-7 November 8-17
New Mexico Conference	October 18-25, November 1-8
Idaho	October 25-29, November 1-5
Missouri Conference	November 1
Rock River Conference	February 12-21, February 26-March 7

This list of missions is not complete. It is only the best information we had available at press time. Some dates and places are subject to change.

Later plans and changes will be announced. For the best information about evangelism projects in your own

Mission	Churches	Survey Interviews	Methodist Families	Visitors	Interviews	Professions of Faith	Transfers of Membership	Total
NATIONAL								
Kansas City	18	No Survey		160	827	68	33	208*
NORTH CENTRAL								
Michigan	4	212	80	28	158	59	6	65
Indiana	4	4,008	351	40	138	6	2	8
Detroit	4	2,500	413	22	75	15	6	21
Iowa-Des Moines	15	527	90	124	355	54	42	226*
Wisconsin-Illinois Rock River	8	728	171	52		26	26	52
NORTHEAST								
Philadelphia	1	No Survey		30	292	23	40	63
Delaware-Washington	8	500	101	50		39	5	113*
Peninsulaa	5	669		14	57	10	10	20
SOUTH CENTRAL								
Louisiana	9	976		29	60	5	1	6
Central Kansas	6	7,656	2,464	40	431	25	37	62
North Texas-Central Texas	6	529	140	30	67	1	8	9
SOUTHEAST								
Alabama	3	1,211	385	46	73	9	17	26
Holston	10	973		53	167	17	3	20
Louisville		No Survey		19	115	9	12	21
Memphis	4	2,900	335	36	218	19	14	33
Virginia		No Survey		22	396	9	34	43
WEST								
Montana	2	425	139	10	37	5	8	13
Wyoming-Colorado	1	584	105	16	80	6	12	18
California-Arizona	8	719	30	34	347	16	24	40
Pacific N-W	4	610	49	12	26	4	1	5
TOTALS	121	25,727	4,853	867	3,919	425	341	873

*Including youth recruited for MYF membership, not counted in grand total.

The UCYM in action

ne term "interdenominational co-ration" is one we use a lot in every of church life. In the local com-ity it is the United Christian Youth ncil representing youth of various ominations. At the state level the M is organized to help denomina-al church bodies in their cooperative k.

n the national level the UCYM gs together some 53 denominations cooperative planning and work. The rning body of the UCYM is the eral Council which meets once a to discuss policies, review legisla-, make recommendations, and lay -range plans for cooperative action ng Protestant youth in America.

n August 30 through September 4, General Council of the UCYM met at Druce Lake, 50 miles north of Chicago, for five days of important work. The youth of The Methodist Church were officially represented by the president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, Dick Thompson, and two of the officers of the National th Fellowship Commission, Barbara ks and Charles Boyles. I had the asure of representing the adult lkers of the church. Sessions of General Council lasted from long ore breakfast until late after bed-p each day. In addition to these "of-al" representatives, there were many er Methodist youth in attendance at meeting: Gay Little of Cleveland, , Southwest Missouri MYF coun-Marilyn Ingram, secretary of the rida Conference youth council from ksonville, Fla.; Bill Ramsden, of more, N. Y.; Judith Lindstrom, of Urbana, Ill.; Jerry Schleicher, of Hanford, Calif.; Marge Platt, of Fargo, N. D.; David Sergeants, of Northfield, Vt. Among the adult leaders of the conference who were Methodists were Martin Hopkins, youth director for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Harrisburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. John Woods of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lamb of Des Moines, Iowa; and Alva Cox, Jr. of Chicago.

Mr. Ewing

You can see, then, that throughout the entire conference The Methodist Church was well represented, not only by those who have an official staff relationship or are officers of the youth organizations, but also upon the part of interested youth and adults who are concerned that interdenominational cooperation and effective channels for serving all of God's people in the United States.

Concern Feature

The 125 peoples representing more than 15 denominations gave serious consideration to many important items which will crucially affect the cooperative work of young people in the days ahead. Among these were:

- The approval of a new constitution recognizing in a more distinct way the central place of the denominations in interdenominational cooperation. In the future the UCYM will be made up entirely of people who represent denominational youth work rather than "professional" interdenominational youth who lack a vital contact with their denomination.
- A review of the new audio-visual filmstrips emphasizing the work of the five program areas and the possibilities of interdenominational cooperation. These are to be used in connection with youth work institutes across the country this fall and as a part of the discussion and training program in local church and in leaders' conferences.
- Work group consideration of the

five program areas, with concrete suggestions for activities which could be carried on by denominations or as interdenominational projects.

● Highlighting of the need for more volunteer service projects for high school young people, with plans for a study conference next month to explore possibilities for such projects.

● Election of officers, including Methodist Judy Lindstrom as chairman of Christian Faith, and Methodist Marilyn Ingram as recording secretary.

The General Council of the UCYM does not represent the real power of interdenominational cooperation. The real power of interdenominational cooperation is in the local community where you and your friends who rub shoulders together at high school and at the soda fountain can join together in cooperative activities which could be carried on better together. Interdenominational cooperation does not take the place of a strong denominational program, but rather supplements it and gives it an opportunity to find expression in ways that would be impossible if denominations worked alone. The place and function of the General Council is to give direction and suggestions to the various forces across our church that can guide the local community to find more creative expression for interdenominational cooperation. What are you doing in your community to further this important cause?

—BY HAROLD W. EWIN

Source of concern

Family Reunion?

What is man? Psycho-cultural disciplines come up with definitions. But like when six optically-handicapped men described the pachyderm, the *elephantness* was lacking. Man has yet to discover man.

Nowadays, he tends to view himself in *too small a mirror*—like the kind at circuses that shorten and grotesqueize a normally passable upstanding biped. He thinks of himself *more lowly* than he ought to think. To what depths he can allow himself to sink in brutality of crimes erupting from time to time, and in the ongoing brutality and bestiality of war. Think, too, of the sub-human stuff that often gets called —and assimilated into millions of human beings through mass communications as — "entertainment." To be able to digest the idea of himself doing such things—well, man must not have had a very high or noble expectation of himself in the first place. A traveler who know monkey-language, overheard amidst treetop chatterings, a discussion of evolution. Viewing the human scene, monkeys agreed that man *descended* . . .

With this low-rating of himself, man takes three flights from reality. First is "flight from tenderness" (Weiner: *The Inhuman Use of Human Beings*). Founts of human sympathy dry up in cliff-dwelling urbanism. Not even knowing one's neighbors, why feel concern for their welfare? Much less those far (Brownell: *The Human Community*). Reduce people to statistics; draw the cloak of "mass" over your own head so that you're not personally deciding, escape into crowd-mind. Then as a statistic yourself, you can do terrible things to other faceless statistic that as a decent individual you couldn't to other individuals. Then, "flight from responsibility." Why question, crusade, even dream? Necks stuck out make targets. Keep inside the status quo turtle-shells.

Concern Feature

Then "flight from self." Rush jet-wise to the moon, to escape the courageous facing-up to one's own inner tickings necessary, before one can figure ways of sticking together in harmony as nations, races, blocks. Easier to line up atoms and bump them unnaturally against one another, than to figure how to draw human beings

cohesion. Now, it's "rockey-bye, ," no mere hopping-along. Man is ed to face himself on one planet. od send us *men!*" Good theme-song just for the Chicago deaconness e), for this midcentury.—*Life*-size ! Artist Whistler, asking a high price for his painting of his mother, was rebuffed. "Why, it's not even life-size," the buyer scoffed. "Very few things are these days," said Whistler.

liss Bowman

Will the youth emphasis grow life-size? — As young persons, and their adult friends do! Quit ye like men, be ng! It will take four giant-steps: irst, a tremendous God-centering of iit: *thinking* about God (yes, out- regular worship services), seeing things in relation and one's life in -light; bowing in utter humility be- His vastness, yet in quickened re- nse before His love and forgiveness. Him is *life*. In the superb Martin her film, that young man searches very depths to find, whatever the to himself, God's truth. In Him in dom. In Him, too, we've come to with strange certainty recently, is *ding*.

econd, a universal view . . . seeing miracle of life through the aeon ow—"the universe does not regard lightly." (Morrison: *Man Does Stand Alone*). Marvel. Let the it quaver in awe. See in your hand n the obtruding thumb a miracle miracles. Our very bodies have the ster Craftsman's signature. *Nobles- oblige.*

hird, let luminous moments sweep r life, let the divine spark catch . Dig out stories of the ages' great ach one will tell of a person, or an nt in their youth, that gave a spark. mula for the kind of MYF meetings classes that will help spark a rement: plenty of stories from writ- s and present personal testimony of -illumined ones, then prayer as liam Booth on Livingston's grave, rd, do it again!"

ourth: let hearts stretch to whole- s—up in the limitless, barrierless , one sees people akin. Similarities are so much vaster than differences. Schweitzer: "the fellowship of those who bear the Mark of Pain." Stringfellow Barr on joining the human race. Norman Cousins: *Who Speaks for Man?*—"must teach man the most difficult lesson of all—to look at someone anywhere in the world and be able to see the image of himself." Will it be said of us, "There were giants on the earth those days."

Royal Bennett in Iowa told of a youth in one of the Traveling Fellowship cars, who said, "What the whole earth needs is a family reunion . . . only some of us aren't acting as if we're sure who's the Head of the family . . ."

—BY CLARICE BOWMAN

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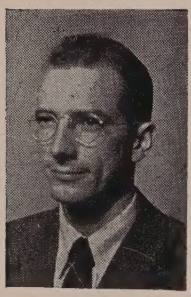
More thoughts on 'peace'

Almost everyone dislikes the idea of war, but hardly anyone understands the problem of peace.

That is about the only conclusion this columnist can hold at the present moment, regarding the state of public opinion in the United States. If he had any doubts on this score, they were dispelled when he read Drew Pearson's report on a political poll held among 16,000 Minnesotans. Main purpose of the poll was to determine President Eisenhower's present standing in the minds of potential voters. The question that particularly caught the writer's attenion, however, was his one:



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"Do you think we can attain true peace in Korea without war with Russia?"

More than three-fourths of those questioned answered, "No!"

This was, of course, a leading question. It would have been interesting to see what the answer would have been had it been phrased differently. Nevertheless, the way the question was put and the answer given by such tremendous majority are rather conclusive in demonstrating a state of mind regarding the problem of world peace.

Peace, it would seem, is still seen as a political thing, a banishment of war through war, a hope of preventing force with force itself.

This implies that some nations which use physical force are "bad" while others (mainly the U. S.) are "good," and that peace can be achieved through the "good" nations having more power than the bad nations.

But Gandhi in our own time, and Jesus Christ for all time, have shown us and taught us quite a different way. As a matter of fact, most great faith in their origins rather clearly hol that the "good" man becomes evil i he uses evil methods; that evil ca be conquered only by good; and there fore, that "true peace" is the way o the cross (good willingly suffering a the hands of evil for the purpose o redemption).

Needless to say, there is little if an reflection of this idea in the foreig policy of any great power today. Ac mittedly there is a tremendous gap t bridge here: but until human beings be gin to think of the problem of peac in terms of their own regeneration an of conciliation through acts of redemp tive love, we hardly can dream, eve of "true peace."

Where does that leave us now? No much of anywhere, in terms of worl politics. But certainly, a war with Ru sia could bring only one of two thing more hatred, suffering, and violence or complete destruction of society a we know it.

—BY CLAUD NELSON, J

SPECIAL FOR OCTOBER

The annual observance of World Order Day is set this year for October 25. A special message, "The Price of American Power," comes from the National Council of Churches, 120 East 23rd St., New York 10, for reading in pulpits that day. Cost is $2.50 per 100 copies.

October 24 communities will mark the birthday of the UN with observances of United Nations Day. Helps for planning are available from the US Committee for UN Day, 816 21st St., N. W. Washington 6. D. C.

Citizenship and outreach chairmen —take note!

oit youth tour
e mission work

summer bus caravan tour of 29 youth and four adults of the it Conference was climaxed by spirational communion service in pper Room chapel in Nashville. ously the youth spend two weeks g Methodist churches, hospitals, s and colleges, settlement houses, n points and the tourist sights ious areas.

chartered bus left Detroit for land, Cincinnati, Olive Hill, Lonnd Frakes, Ky., Lake Junaluska, Nashville, Madisonville, Ky., and ville, then back to Detroit. Youth d their own cots and bedding so could sleep in churches and dormi-. On their return to the Detroit rence, the youth formed fellowteams to visit churches and report neir discoveries about the home n program of the church.

e project is sponsored by the conce board of education, board of ons and Woman's Society of tian Service.

group
witness team

the town of Menio, Iowa, popula-440, a Methodist Youth Fellowgroup had a booming summer. Al- the group had the highest Meth- Youth Fund pledge in the dis- but other things are going now. arted in June when some of the "ers went to Clear Lake for an ute. An institute topic on Chris- witness started the Menlo youth

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asking questions about their own witnessing. Most of them lived and worked on farms, and couldn't leave for special evangelism projects.

But they did form a Christian witness team all their own, called it the Circuit Riders. The team travels to nearby communities with a program of inspiration, fun and fellowship. A usual evening consists of recreation, group singing, a brief service of worship. Three youth tell what Christ means to them, and then each member of the circuit riding team takes a group of youth to some quiet place to pray and discuss problems in Christian living.

Now nine youth work on the team. While their minister was on vacation, the youth team held morning services at both Menlo and Jefferson Center churches. Arlene Harlan of Menlo reports the group feels the project is more important than any other one thing it has done.

Youth weeks begin

First reports have arrived on fall youth activities weeks, being held in many local churches across Methodism. First report is from First church in LaGrange, Ga., where intermediate and senior groups called their week "We Look." Each afternoon featured a two hour "service period" for painting, repairing and cleaning church buildings and grounds. Dates were September 3-6.

w. Victor Long- and Rev. W. H. ord conducted the nunion service for n from the Detroit erence who visited pper Room chapel g their eleven day of five states.

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